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RESPONSE

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application in response to the Office Action dated July 1, 2003.

In response to the requirement for restriction to one of the inventions identified as invention I - claims 1-14, drawn to gradation correction circuit, classified in class 345, subclass 89, and invention II - claims 15-20, drawn to backlight control, classified in class 345, subclass 102, the requirement is traversed, and reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement are respectfully requested.

The Examiner contends that inventions I and II are unrelated indicating "Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together..." (emphasis added). Reference is made to Figs. 1 and 15 of the drawings, for example, which disclose utilization of the claimed features together,